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From: PKulik1000@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2009 9:03 AM
To: Rep. Fleischmann, Andrew
Subject: HB 6666

Dear Representative Fleischmann...I am contacting you regarding HB 6666 which will be discussed during Monday's public hearing. I am unable to attend the hearing, but I want to express my dismay that such a bill is even being proposed. As I understand it, this bill would, in part, allow arts teachers at Connecticut's magnet schools to teach without being certified to do so. Shouldn't all teachers in our public schools be certified to ensure high quality teaching for all children? Shouldn't all teachers -- regardless of subject area -- understand child development, state standards, curriculum and assessment, etc.? To single out arts teachers as not needing certification to teach degrades the value of the arts in our state, and in the lives and minds of our students. HB 6666 must be defeated promptly so Connecticut's education system can move forward, not backward. Thank you, Paul Kulikowski, 73 Miller Road, Burlington, CT 06013

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